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MEMORANDUM FOR : Project Security Officer (R)

25X1A5a1 SUBJECT : Clearances for [REDACTED] Personnel

25X1A5a1 1. As you know, your office arranged clearance for a visit to  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] by Mr. Bissell, [REDACTED] on 10 December.  
The purpose of the visit was to scrutinize their plant facilities and  
get a feeling for their capability in plastic research, development,  
and fabrication of parts.

25X1A5a1 2. While there, Mr. Bissell discussed with [REDACTED]  
25X1A5a1 president of the company, who holds an Air Force Secret clearance, certain  
details of our plans for a high-jump airplane embodying all the aspects  
of Thermos research and development to date. [REDACTED] currently has  
a \$250,000 contract with Air Force working on electromagnetic absorbent  
materials, which falls into the same field of endeavor we are pursuing  
in our Thermos project.

25X1A5a1 3. Mr. Bissell discussed the various aspects without revealing  
25X1A5a1 anything about Aquatone, with the idea of possibly having [REDACTED] do some  
development work on unusual Fiberglas design and fabrication of parts  
which we would expect to be required in our high-jump project. This  
was discussed in detail with [REDACTED], Vice  
President in charge of Research, and directly responsible for their  
electromagnetic project, was briefly brought into the discussion  
regarding our interest in a high-jump type of operation, but he was only  
given a fringe type discussion on the various concepts of invisibility.  
25X1A5a1 Earlier in the day we were introduced to [REDACTED] Chairman of  
the Board, but we did not brief him and only indicated to him our interest  
in Fiberglas fabrication.

25X1A5a1 4. Since [REDACTED] personnel working on the Air Force project are  
25X1A5a1 only Secret cleared, Mr. Bissell hesitated to discuss further with the  
25X1A5a1 personnel other details of our activity and also delayed discussing any  
25X1A5a1 detailed project which we might wish to enter into with [REDACTED]. He did  
25X1A5a1 ask that [REDACTED] forward a list of personnel who would be required to  
work on development and fabrication of Fiberglas components which we  
might wish [REDACTED] to look into for us. The attached letter from  
[REDACTED] lists the clearances required in order of priority. Mr. Bissell  
requested that I pass this list to you so you might begin necessary  
clearance action so we may fully utilize these people in any aspect of  
this work we deem feasible. Your early action on these clearances is  
requested.

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Att: Ltr fr [REDACTED]  
11 Dec 1957

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Deputy Project Director

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